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1. JULY 21 ALGERIAN NEWSPAPERS HIGHLIGHT PRESIDENT CARTER'S PREDICTION THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER IN THEIR REPORTS ON LAST ROUND OF CARTER-BEGIN TALKS. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS FRENCH DAILY "EL-MOUDJAHID" HEADLINES PAGE-ONE ARTICLE: "GENEVA CONFERENCE PROBABLY TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER, ANNOUNCES AMERICAN PRESIDENT". GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS ARABIC DAILY "ASH-SHA'B" LIKEWISE HEADLINES ITS PAGE-ONE STORY: "CARTER THINKS GENEVA CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER LIKELY".

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT CONTINUES TO BE PESSIMISTIC.
GOVERNMENT-OWNED ARABIC DAILY "ALJUMHURIYYA" WRITES
IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL JULY 20: "ZIONIST LEADER
BEGIN'S VISIT TO AMERICA AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER ARE AROUSING NUMEROUS AND VARIED REACTIONS,
BUT, IN SPITE OF INTEREST IN MEETING, ESPECIALLY BY
ARABS, POLITICAL OBSERVERS VIEW IT AS VERY ROUTINE
VISIT NO DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS VISITS BY ZIONIST
LEADERS TO WHITE HOUSE.... BEGIN IS BACKED POLITICALLY
AND FINANCILLY BY AMERICAN ZIONISTS, WHO COMPLETELY
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CONTROL FINANCIAL MARKETS, BANKS, COMMERCE, AND ESPECIALLY MEDIA. THIS PUTS HIM IN VERY STRONG NEGOTIATING POSITION."

3. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS FRENCH WEEKLY "ALGERIE ACTUALITE" FOR JULY 21-27 WRITES: "BEGIN AND CARTER PEACE PLANS REQUIRE ARAB SIDE TO RECEOGNIZE

ISRAEL, WILE NEITHER AMERICANS NOR ZIONISTS WANT
TO HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT EVENTUAL RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS.... NOTHING POSTIVE WILL COME
OUT OF WASHINGTON MEETING FOR ARABS. EITHER PRESIDENT
CARTER WILL BE ABLE TO PUT PRESSURE ON HIS ALLY OR
CHANCES FOR PEACE WILL BE DEFINITELY COMPROMISED; IT
SEEMS WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS LATTER ALTERNATIVE."HAYNES

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